

AMENDMENTS

In the Written Specification

The following is a marked-up version of the specification with the language that is underlined (“ ”) being added and the language that contains strikethrough (“~~—~~”) being deleted:

At page 1, line 6:

This present invention relates to determining the service group associated with the various components in a subscriber television system and, more specifically, to automatically determining the services and programming available on a particular ~~a home~~ home communication terminal.

At page 4, line 3:

Introducing additional services and programming at multiple hubs or nodes increases the complexity of a subscriber television system. With the complexity and the constant modification and expansion of a subscriber television system, service groups provide a useful and adaptable tool to establish and maintain the organization and relationships of equipment and HCTs within the subscriber television system. A service ~~groups~~ group defines the services and programming available from the subscriber television equipment associated with the service group to the HCTs in the service group. A subscriber television system headend can communicate with a particular HCT based on the modulators and other equipment defined by a service group associated with that HCT. The headend can identify the services and programming available on that particular HCT based on the service group. One aspect of the present invention is the use of a service group audit to define and update the service groups of the digital subscriber television system. In another aspect of the present invention, an HCT determines and informs the subscriber television system of the service group that it belongs to.